



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool  
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**August 15, 2021: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



**John 6:51-58**

*Prelude:*

*Welcome*

The Altar flowers are sponsored by Dave & Lorna Scrimger in honor of their anniversary

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Linda Klemesrud & family in memory of Normand Klemesrud

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn:*

“Morning Has Broken”

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1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

*Apostolic Greeting:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be will you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Prayer of the Day*

**Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Reading:*

**Proverbs 9:1-6**

*Read by Kiki Connell*

<sup>9</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup> ‘You that are simple, turn in here!’  
To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup> ‘Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup> Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.’

*Reading:*

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gospel Song:*

**“Alleluia”**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to* **John 6:51-58**



51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ 53So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

*P: The Gospel of the Lord...*



*Sermon*

Pastor Russ Leeper

*Hymn of the Day*

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

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A three-system musical score for the hymn "Break Now the Bread of Life". Each system includes a vocal line in G-clef and a piano accompaniment line in C-clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you / 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you / 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly / broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page / blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease, / word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live / I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word. / all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All! / with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love." The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

*The Creed*

The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*The Prayers (P):* Lord in your mercy,  
Response: **hear our prayer.**

***Please Keep the following in prayer:***

Sarah Bauer	Annemarie Hansen	Sandra Link
Dan Carey	Jack Hulbert	Janet Platte
Rodney Ellis	Melanie Johanningmeier	Lynn Poppen
Dan Foxen	Khloe Kubik	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
James Grob	Gary Lamprecht	Marilu Wohlers
Angie Hansen		

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Robson Shankland

***The Prayer List:*** Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

*Special Music:*

“Give Me Jesus”  
*Kiki Connell, violin; Susan Leeper, piano*

*Kristin Campbell*

*The Lord's Prayer:* **Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For this is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

*The Benediction*

P: Let's hold each other in prayer & stay safe

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,  
 hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!



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### WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN!

Worship service will remain at 9:00 a.m. for the foreseeable future. Parish Ed will determine the time for Sunday School. Council is excited about having a fuller sanctuary on Sundays and allowing the whole congregation to be able to enjoy choirs, children's presentations, and special music together. Plus, having one service will continue to foster the sense of community they've been trying to strengthen.

**Communion will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Parishioners will have the choice to receive communion up front or use the pre-packaged cups in the pews.**

**A worship video will be provided each Sunday on the St. John website & YouTube.  
The radio broadcast will continue EVERY Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

### After Worship Social Time

**has been an enjoyable way to reconnect with each other!**

Coffee & a treat are served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday!

If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, please sign up on the chart just inside the doors on the table or call Kathy in the office.

What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you!

Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.



**Have extra garden produce you would like to share with others at St. John?**

There will be a table in the Narthex for your veggies/fruits & plastic grocery bags to put them in!

### God's Work. Our Hands: Coming Sunday, September 12

On Sunday, September 12, members of St. John of all ages are invited to participate in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. This event is held every year at ELCA congregations across the country. We'll have teams of St. John members head out into the community to serve in different ways. There will be sign-ups in the narthex so you can choose your opportunity to serve! More information to come, so watch the E-Skinny, bulletin, Facebook page, and announcements at church!

### God's Work. Our Hands: The t-shirt!

If you'd like to order a God's Work, Our Hands t-shirt, you'll be able to do so after church on Sundays, August 8 and 15. They are \$7.75 each (and if you'd like to round up to \$8 and save the change, that's fine with us!). They will have our congregation's name on the back. You don't need to wear one of these t-shirts to volunteer that day, and if you aren't available on September 12, you can still order one!

**The next meeting for the  
Sesquicentennial Committee will be  
Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 a.m.**

### Offering from the week of August 8, 2021

General Receipts	\$ 7,614.32
Designated offering	350.00
<i>General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.</i>	

**Attendance: 111**